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that exists to estimate a number of the plurality of objects." Thus, Fishbine does not suggest or disclose Appellant's claimed invention.

IX. Conclusion

For the reasons advanced above, Appellant concludes that the rejection of claims 1-31 as being anticipated under 35 USC §102(b) in view of Fishbine is improper.

Accordingly, Appellant respectfully submits that the Examiner's Final Rejection on June 10, 2004 should be reversed and all claims allowed by this Honorable Board.

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